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DEERR AND EKLUND TO MEET IN CASTLE CUP FINALS TODAY

Honolulu and Ewa Will Fight It Out for Handicap Trophy at Beretania Courts—Interesting Matches Mark Yesterday's Play—Little O'Dowda Loses After Game Fight.

BY LAURENCE REDINGTON.

Deer against Eklund, Honolulu shoes and long black stockings, trotting onto the court for the second set barefooted. How he slid over the sharp gravel without cutting the soles of his feet to ribbons is a mystery, for even tennis shoes are not long lived on the Beretania courts.

In the second set the Ewa lad took only one game, the third, both following the same style of play.

The third and deciding set was hard fought. Deerr started with the first four games, but O'Dowda never stopped trying for a moment, and the result of his game rally was the annexation of the next three. Deerr won the eighth, and O'Dowda came right back by taking the ninth. The tenth game ran up to deuce, but finally dropped on Deerr's side of the net.

O'Dowda Too Cautious. O'Dowda is undoubtedly a clever little player, but he is too cautious. Pace and a willingness to run in and take a chance is a good fault in a youngster, one that can be toned down later on. McLoughlin, Long, Carl Gardner, George James and the others who graduated from the Golden Gate Park courts into first-class tennis were all trying to knock the cover off the ball when they were O'Dowda's age. There is some excuse for an older player if he wants to stay in the back court and match his steadiness against the other fellow's brilliancy, but the young player who starts his tennis career anchored to the service line will never get far.

In the Deerr-O'Dowda match you could have concealed a freshly-laid robin's egg inside of every ball, and not a shell would have been broken at the end of play. However, Deerr's win is its own justification for his style of play, and too much credit can not be given him for the sureness and stamina he showed in the match.

Following is the score by sets:
First set—
Deerr 1 3 4 8 10—6
O'Dowda 2 5 6 7—4
Second set—
Deerr 1 2 4 5 6 7—6
O'Dowda 3—1
Third set—
Deerr 1 2 3 4 8 10—6
O'Dowda 5 6 7 9—4

Eklund a Comer. The Eklund-Judd match developed a lot more pace than the other semi-final event, but here again both players seemed afraid to run in even on the shortest kind of lob and the weakest of returns. The play was close throughout, as shown by the score, but the Ewa man seemed to be playing well within himself most of the time, while Judd was putting everything he had into his rally. The latter put up the gamest kind of a fight, and pulled the last set out of the fire time and again when a single point would have settled matters.

While Eklund didn't put much speed into his occasional overhead shots, he placed them nicely, and showed that he was by no means a one-stroke man. He has a very accurate cross-court drive that nips the corners at an impossible angle. He would probably get better results by "mixing 'em up" as the pitchers call it, when he is serving. Into the even court he sends a ball with an ordinary cut, and into the odd court he sends a reverse twist. This is done with unvarying regularity, and after a game or so his opponent knows just where to stand to return.

Eklund Should Win. Eklund owed Judd half fifteen yesterday, and will play Deerr under the same handicap in the finals. On form he figures to win match and trophy.

There was one feature of yesterday's matches which caused some comment. Umpiring is a hard and thankless task at best, and it is only the good-natured members who will officiate, but local umpires make their work doubly hard and tend to confuse the players by calling every ball "good" or "out." It is the invariable rule of umpiring and lining that only the outs are called. Every ball is considered good until it has been called otherwise, obviating any chance of a player's mistaking the call.

The score:
First set—
Judd 2 5 8—3
Eklund 1 3 4 5 7 9—6
Second set—
Judd 3 4 6 7 10—5
Eklund 1 3 5 8 9 11 12—7
Third set—
Eklund 2 5 6 7 8 11 13 14—8
Judd 1 3 4 9 10 12—6

A resolution was adopted in Baltimore by the first branch of the city council making October 16 a municipal holiday in honor of Cardinal Gibbons.

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TENNIS BUG BITES CASTLE.

You can exterminate fever mosquitoes, but you can't kill the tennis bug.

The other day Al Castle made a trip to the volcano on combined business and pleasure. Likewise, he wanted to get away from all this tennis talk that has permeated the atmosphere of Honolulu of late.

On the steamer he met a tourist, one Dr. Gorham, who was something of a tennis enthusiast himself. In the midst of a conversation, a tennis bug flew in through the cabin window and stung Castle on the leg.

Let's hook up as a team and clean out this Hilo bunch," said the island champion to his chance acquaintance.

And they did. The traveler was hastily fitted out with racket and shoes, and he and Castle put the Hilo doubles champions, Connors and Irwin, to sleep in straight sets, 6-1, 6-2. They dropped a third set 4-6, just to show that they were good fellows.

FITZGERALD AND KAOO SIGN

Canadian and Island Champions Finally Agree as to Terms—Date Fixed.

Jimmie Fitzgerald has been angling for a chance to hook up with Kaoo ever since he came to Hawaii, and now he is to get it. Articles were signed yesterday for a marathon race to be run October 29.

"I'd rather run Kaoo than anyone else around here," said Fitzgerald a few days ago while the former was somewhat coy about putting his name to an agreement. "I want to see just how I stack up with the best runner in Hawaii, and I want all the Hawaiians who think their man can't be beaten to come and see the race. That's all I have to say."

Kaoo has been standing out over the financial end of the race, and finally secured a guarantee of \$300, win or lose, provided that his cut of the gate doesn't exceed that figure. The runners are to get 60 per cent. of the gross, to be split on a 60-40 basis.

It is possible that Tsukamoto, Soldier King and other distance men may enter, in which case the marathon would be thoroughly representative.

BASEBALL IN BIG LEAGUES

Following were the league standings October 4:

	Coast League.		
	W.	L.	Pct.
Vernon	109	74	.596
Portland	100	69	.591
Oakland	99	90	.524
San Francisco	84	102	.452
Sacramento	82	101	.448
Los Angeles	75	113	.399

	National League.		
	To play. W.	L.	Pct.
New York	10	94	.505
Chicago	6	88	.505
Pittsburgh	3	84	.508
Philadelphia	8	79	.541
St. Louis	73	77	.507
Cincinnati	68	81	.456
Brooklyn	60	82	.423
Boston	38	106	.264

	American League.		
	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	99	49	.669
Detroit	87	61	.588
Cleveland	78	70	.527
New York	76	73	.510
Chicago	74	72	.506
Boston	74	75	.497
Washington	63	87	.420
St. Louis	41	105	.280

POOR BAT NELSON ON THE TOBOGGAN

BOSTON, Mass., Oct. 5.—Young Saylor of Indianapolis gave Battling Nelson, former lightweight champion, one of the worst beatings of his life in twelve rounds of boxing tonight. In the first three rounds the men were in a constant clinch, with both working body punches to good effect. After the third they were broken apart, and Saylor met every rush of the Battler with swift left and right swings. Nelson landed few clean punches, Saylor having every round and winning the decision.

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LUCKY BREAK MAKES BATTERS

Ball Players Become Bears With Stick In a Single Game—Ran's Case.

Ball players are a superstitious and impressionable lot, especially when it comes to the sticking end of the game. The unofficial records are full of instances of men who by some incident which they considered "lucky" have graduated from easy marks to the 300 class.

Two years ago Hobenzell was just about to be dropped from the big league because he couldn't connect with a flock of bunnies, when he found a bat with a mystic H burned into the wood. He appropriated it, and at once commenced to land the ball over the fence. Carl Lewis, the Northwestern League catcher, used to play in a Southern California bush league about seven years ago, and if he got one hit a week the papers gave him a special paragraph. One day he got four hits out of four times up off Doc Newton, then one of the fastest pitchers in the Coast League, in an exhibition series against Los Angeles, and from that day on Lewis became a reliable stickler.

Now comes Buddy Ryan of Portland with the statement that his heavy hitting this season is due to the peculiar bat which he is using. Perhaps we'll see a bat like this on the Honolulu grounds after the local players read Buddy's testimonial.

A Northwestern exchange says:

Ryan's Queer Stick. "This stick of milled cordwood is not of the common kind, either. It is peculiar. And it is particular, for it will respond to no one like it does to the Beaver outfielder. The stick's size, shape and quality are of the uncommon kind."

"I never could stand right up to a southpaw before last fall," said Buddy Ryan yesterday afternoon. "And I always stepped away from a curve ball. But when I got that new bat, there was a marked improvement in my hitting."

"How did you happen to get hold of that stick?" was asked.

"Walter McCredie bought it for me. While down in Frisco the latter part of last season McCredie's eagle eye noticed Jimmy Lewis' piece of lumber. Lewis, who was with San Francisco in new Cleveland park."

OFF AGAIN; ON AGAIN; THAT'S BILL LARNED

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 5.—Despite the dispatches that have come out from the East to the effect that "Champion" William A. Larned will not accompany the American tennis team to Australia to try for the world's championship, Maurice McLoughlin, the local member of the team, is of the opinion that there is still a chance for Larned to go. Before McLoughlin started for home from the East, Larned told him that he would advise him of his plans regarding the trip. Since that time McLoughlin has heard nothing from the champion. It was understood before McLoughlin left the East that he would not make the trip unless Larned did. Under the circumstances, if Larned has fully made up his mind not to go to Australia, it seems strange that he would not so have advised McLoughlin.

NORTHWESTERN MIX-UP.

If Walter McCredie has anything to say, the Portland Northwestern League club will be dropped. "It may be all right to send \$1000 or \$2000 a year in a losing venture," he said yesterday. "But it doesn't strike me as good business. I can do that sort of thing if he wants to, but I haven't enough timber claims to indulge in such luxuries."

The outfield, was persuaded by the Portland manager to let go of the bat for a good price. Walter then gave the stick to me and said, "You ought to hit like blazes with this, Buddy." I did.

Gave Confidence.

"The stick is four inches shorter than the ordinary bat, and is differently shaped. The handle is short and just thick enough to permit a good grip. It enlarges rapidly and reaches its full circumference a short distance from the handle end. It makes Buddy stand closer to the plate when batting and it also makes him lose fear of the curve ball, especially those from a left-hander."

"From the first time Buddy tried to use the bat, success came his way, and he had four more made exactly like it, the last of which is now doing your man's duty in the fight for the pennant. This one is cracked and stained with the raps of many a hard-fought battle, but Buddy is trusting that it will last him the rest of the season, when a new supply will be ordered in his attempts to knock a hole through the concrete walls of the new Cleveland park."

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